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VICE-PRESIDENT'S BELIEF IN FLORIDA.

IN HIS speech in Jacksonville Saturday night, Vice-President Fairbanks expressed his faith in the future of Florida in the following words:

"I believe in the ultimate destiny of Florida. I believe that in the long reach, and not so very long as this, that there will be millions where there are now 400,000. I believe that there will be in this State a great stable citizenship and that Florida will take her place as one of the greatest members in the glorious association of American commonwealths."

Of course, it is expected that a visiting statesman making a public speech will throw bouquets and compliment the houses of the occasion, but the utterance quoted above has a true ring and so clearly expresses the sentiment and belief of every true Floridian that we give the Vice-President credit for being sincere in every word of it. Florida, with her unlimited resources awaiting development by capital and labor and with her incomparable climate, has every opportunity to fulfill the words of our distinguished guest.

During his visit to the State Fair at Tampa last week Mr. Fairbanks was given an opportunity to view the results of labor in some portions of our fair state. He being in observing cast and of clear judgment could easily see that we have vast areas of undeveloped land which could be made to blossom as the rose. That being so down to our own section, where hundreds of acres of the best land in the state are waiting for the thrifty settler. St. Lucie county did not have an exhibit at the Fair and will not reap her full share of the benefits to be derived from the visitors or those seeking homes and who took that method of determining what section of the state would be best for them in which to invest.

DAYTONS NOT DEAD.

IN AUGUST of this year St. Lucie county by a majority of the polls said that no intoxicating liquors should be sold within the county limits. It was argued during the campaign that a "dry town was a dead town," and since that time remarks have been made to the effect that "Business is not what it was before the saloons closed."

During the first of the week, wishing to know the sentiment of the merchants in that work, we put the following question to about a dozen of our business men: "Is business better or worse since the closing of the saloons in August?"

There were many answers to the questions but none so whom it was put said that it had fallen off. Some said it was decidedly better, while others saw no difference. Nearly all of them, however, agreed that the amounts of many were settled with more promptness than before, and one merchant said that he felt easier in letting goods go out on credit to certain quarters than before, for lately he had found his collections were made easier than previously. Another said that he had noticed, many more customers bought for cash than ever.

They did not at all attribute the closing of the saloons to their better condition, but it is a significant fact, and we give it for what it may be worth.

THIS OPPOSITION to Senator Tillman in Chicago did not have the effect that the disturbers desired and hoped for. Learning that the negroes were making every possible effort to keep him from returning, he informed the citizens that he would handle the race question without gloom, and it seems he did so. Major Dunn, who refused to provide as the meeting because the negro delegation had been to him, also came in for a share of the fiery southerner's scorn. It does not pay to strengthen a hand on a new composed of the material that is put into Sen. Tillman's make-up. While his speech may not always be the most logical or refined, and while his views may at times be radical, no one has yet accused him of being dishonest in them or afraid to stand for what he says.

IT BEHOVES Fort Pierce to get a name for herself and more go to the front ranks of the Florida towns in the matter of cleanliness. There are many places in town and many streets that need to be attended to in this matter and if they were put in the proper shape the appearance of the town would be improved one hundred per cent. One of our prominent citizens made the remark the other day that many towns in Florida were way ahead of us in cleanliness. Now, of course this doesn't look nice in print, but the way to keep it from looking otherwise is to have clean streets and sidewalks.

THE STATE FAIR at Tampa came to a close last night and it has been a big thing and a successful venture. The exhibits have all been excellent and thousands of visitors looked at the resources of Florida as displayed in the various booths for their inspection. According to the State papers, it is the biggest thing that ever happened in Florida.

THE CITIZENS of Atlanta have become incensed over an article which appeared in *World's Work*, a magazine whose chief object seems to be to slander men and measure. This publication stated, without of the Atlanta riot, that the population of that city was principally composed of the negroes and bullies of western mining towns. It brought forth a suit and the magazine publishers will be called in to prove the assertion.

Eccentrics

Many of the state papers talk hot against the drainage movement never's gotten over the results of the election—three weeks ago.

The Fort Pierce News, a very lively paper down on the East Coast, established by Mr. Charles S. Emerson, has been sold to Mr. Arthur B. Brown, one of the live newspaper men of the same—DeLand Record.

The Fort Pierce News has been purchased by A. B. Brown, formerly of the Tribune, and we predict that under Mr. Brown's able management The News will take a front place in the ranks of Florida journalism.—Florida Post.

The speakership of the coming House of Representatives now seems to be just waiting on the acceptance of Hon. E. S. Matthews of Bradford county.—Palatka News. If the state papers express the sentiment of the members of the legislature, Editor Matthews will have no opposition.

The printing office has its troubles, too. At no time since the invention of printing is there a greater demand for printers nor has there ever such scarcity of the supply.—Orlando Banner. The scarcity has not been so great over here. During the past two weeks we have had visits from five journeymen—all headed for Texas.

Arthur Brown has sold his interest in the St. Lucie Tribune to his partner and has bought from Charles S. Emerson the Fort Pierce News, of which he was sole editor and proprietor. He is a good man and will make The News a strong factor in the weekly journalism in Florida.—New York Editor and Proprietor.

As the banquets at the Tampa Bay hotel the other evening of the press gang of the state you ought to have seen the franking and anti-drainage boys mix. And they all believed in franking then and there. We really believe they gave the solution to the important question. Put that press gang down at Lake Okeechobee and they would drink her dry inside of a week.—St. Petersburg Independent. Pretty tough on "the gang" but they can stand most anything.

Famous Strike Breakers.

The most famous strike breakers in the land are Dr. King's New Life Pills. When liver and bowels go on a strike, they quickly settle the trouble, and the purifying work goes right on. Best cure for constipation, headache and business. See us. Fort Pierce Drug Co.

Dentistry

In all his branches on board Dennis Dr. J. Edward Urich, now at Edina, will be at Titusville next week.

Lester on stopping at Dennis and Stuart.

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The Fort Pierce Concrete Company is a new incorporated concern in Fort Pierce and is making rapid strides in advancement toward the front ranks of building firms on the East Coast. The Company was organized for the purpose of making concrete building blocks and during the past year have convinced the people of this section that it's the cheapest, most durable and therefore the most satisfactory building material now on the market.

A. J. Brewer, general manager and superintendent of the works is an experienced man in this class of work, as well as a thorough builder and contractor. He has in course of construction three buildings of this material and many more in contemplation, the former being already given in some instances.

At present there are twenty men employed by the company and next week about six more will be added to the number. The machinery for making the blocks is all of the latest and improved pattern so that they are turned out at a rapid rate.

Henry Sutherland and Ed Calender of Ohio are the best additions to the force of workmen. They are both masters in the cement business and have relieved Superintendent Brewer, much of the responsibility of the building.

All the officers of the company are well known to every resident of this section and include, F. H. Fox, C. W. Burton, C. T. McCarthy and A. J. Brewer.

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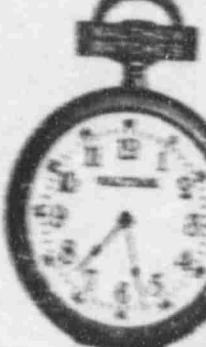
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We have to offer for the season of 1897 Two Hundred Thousand Pine Apple crates. Price 1c delivered in car load lots to all stations between Fort Gadsden and Stuart inclusive, and 15c to all stations between Lake Sound and Delray inclusive. This price is for 4x2 inch size. Can furnish slate \$1.15 each or 10 per crate extra.

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Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my most sincere thanks to the friends, neighbors, lodges and school children for the services rendered by them during the illness and death of my husband.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

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Just opened up near Cobb's with
have had several years experience.
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